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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO §371 US NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

Kindly make all of the amendments to the English language translation of the International Application as set forth in the substitute specification enclosed herein. These amendments, which are more fully described in the Remarks contained hereinbelow, include a request to insert certain

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headings which conform to USPTO practice and procedure, which are not found in the English translated specification.

Further, a request is hereby made to cancel the claims numbered 1-10 located pages 5 and 6 of the English language translation of the International Application and insert new claims numbered 11-20 located on pages 9-12 of the substitute specification.

A substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b) is included since all of the amendments to this §371 U.S. National Phase application are made by way of inserting substituted pages. Applicants set forth that no new subject matter has been added in the preparation of the substitute specification. Accordingly, whereas the English language translation of the International Application includes pages 1-6, the substitute specification includes pages 1-13. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2) a copy of the English translated specification, pages 1-6, is enclosed hereto.

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